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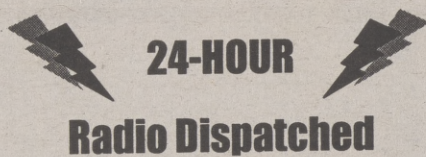
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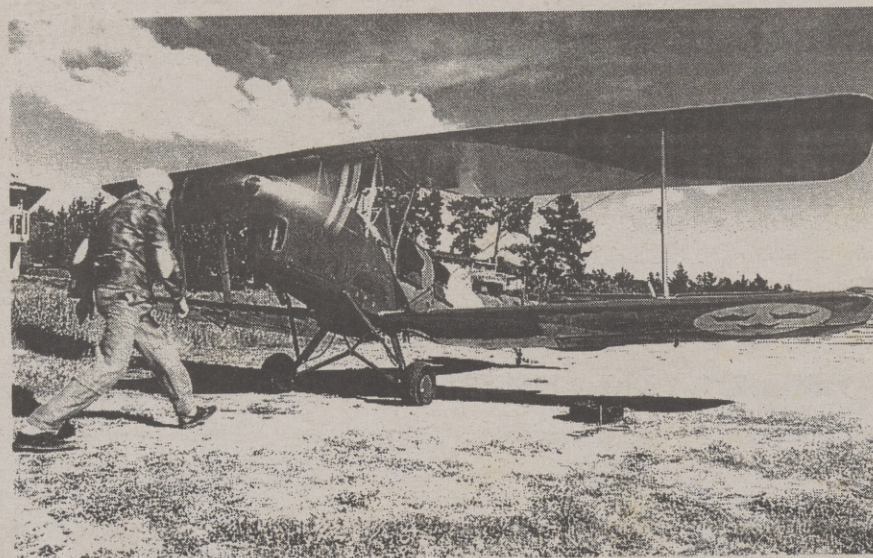


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Lars de Jounge getting his vintage Tiger Moth plane ready to go at the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield. Lars is trying to move his airpark plans forward but meeting with community resistance. More on page 4.

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LETTERS

Don't Intensify Use of the Airstrip

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Carmel Valley Village, I am concerned about the proposed intensification of use of the airstrip between Via Contenta and Lupin Lane. As I understand it, the developer intends to construct 3 hangars (2500 square feet each), a new road entering Ford Road from the hangars, 11 houses with hangar facilities in or near them, and a runway elevated about 3 feet higher than the existing one.

I have heard that the developer, for security reasons, would fence the airstrip. Since 1980, I have been walking across the airstrip to get to the business center of the Village, the Post Office, the video store, etc. I have also used the airstrip over the years for exercise, consisting mostly of morning walks around the established pathways.

I believe that the residents of the Carmel Valley Village have been using the airstrip for such purposes for many years before 1980. Fencing the airstrip would dramatically alter forever the way in which this unique property has been a part of my life and the lives of our local Village community. It would represent a substantial negative change in the nature of our unique community.

Furthermore, I believe that increased intensification of use of the airstrip would have a negative affect on local property values. I believe that to permit the development being proposed on the airstrip, which would intensify a use that is a pre-existing nonconforming use, would be legally wrong and would be wrong in terms of the negative environmental impacts it would have on our local community.

Barry Harrow
Carmel Valley

NEWS BRIEFS

Water Board Says Rationing Premature

At its February 26 meeting, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board decided not to send a letter to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in opposition to Cal-Am's planned

mandatory rationing plan. The board decided to wait and see Cal-Am's rationing plan before taking a position with the PUC but asked Cal-Am to first submit any plan to the district for review and comment before submitting it to the PUC. The board believed a rationing plan at this time is premature and would be confusing to the public during the recent rains. The board also believes that other options are available to Cal-Am to address the State Water Resources Control Board's production limits.

In 1995, the SWRCB issued an order declaring that Cal-Am did not have a legal right to over 10,000 acre feet of water it had been pumping, and Peninsula residents had been consuming, from the Carmel River. The state ordered that a replacement source for this water be developed and in the interim required production limits which Cal-Am did not achieve last water year and was fined \$168,000.

To avoid further penalty, Cal-Am began a voluntary water conservation program but demand is still higher than the state imposed production limits. In January 27 Cal-Am told the water board it was going to pursue mandatory rationing through the PUC after the board chose not to implement Cal-Am's request to declare a water supply emergency and impose immediate water rationing. Instead the board composed a citizens committee to develop with the district a stand-by rationing plan to be presented in April.

Other MPWMD Action

Adopted Final Report on Legal Lot/Remodel Study

The Board accepted the final report by the Land Systems Group on the estimated water requirements for undeveloped legal lots of record and anticipated remodels over the next 10 years in the Cal-Am service area. The report determined that nearly 1,800 vacant, buildable legal lots on vacant parcels presently exist that could require about 690 acre-feet of water. About 4,280 remodels are anticipated over the next 10 years which could require about 190 acre-feet of water. The total water requirement for the legal lots and remodels studied is estimated at about 880 acre-feet. Potential future projects identified by member jurisdictions could total another 150 acre-feet.

This information will be used to determine the types and sizes of projects that should be pursued in the future to meet near-term community water needs associated with remodels and new construction. The Board emphasized that the study results are the first step in assessing future community water needs, and will not be used as the basis of water

allocations. Future evaluations may be needed to refine water need estimates, especially for vacant lots on certain developed parcels and 'underutilized lots', such as a situation where a small shed could be replaced by a duplex.

Considered Wastewater

Reclamation Project Performance

The Board discussed the amount of drinking water that must be applied to golf courses and other turf in addition to the reclaimed water produced by the CAWD/PBCSD Pebble Beach Wastewater Reclamation Project. In 1997, roughly 30 percent of the 1,140 acre-feet applied was drinking water (330 acre-feet) and 70 percent was reclaimed water. The Board

acknowledged the success of the project to date, but emphasized that it has not reached its goal of using only 50 acre-feet of drinking water per year. The board urged the project managers to take action to reduce the need for drinking water by using the old Forest Lake Reservoir to increase reclaimed water storage.



Rock Man Jim Needham's latest creation - Still Rocks in My Head 3 years later. Photo: Tom O'Neal.

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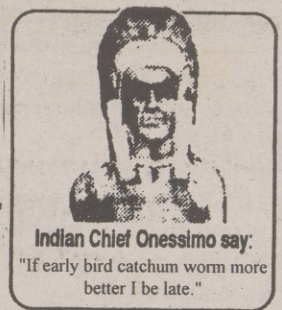
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An Airpark in Carmel Valley?

by Elizabeth Cowley

On the surface, it appears to be a simple debate between private property rights versus community rights. How much air traffic and how much park space is the crux of the debate surrounding the proposed development of the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield.

Lars de Jounge, owner of the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield, proposes to build a community of vintage aircraft enthusiasts to inhabit eleven homes, with hangers attached, on 30 acres of the



Lars de Jounge with his Vintage Tiger Moth at the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield.

existing airfield. Neighbors are concerned about an intensification of

use and the potential endangerment of nearby homes and 700 school children at Tularcitos Elementary.

But, the debate is not so basic. The land is leased by de Jounge, not owned. The airstrip is split into three legal lots of record, although the overall project encompasses the entire airstrip. The airfield predates all of the development surrounding it but is legally classified as "an existing non-conforming use." The airstrip operates as a public airfield but is on private property and the county has limited discretion in relation to air traffic safety issues, which is the purview of the FAA and the Aeronautics division of CalTrans.

"We're not taking a stand pro or con, what is important is the integrity of the Village." - Shelly Lyon

A combined development permit for two hanger homes and a water tower on the easternmost of the three lots was brought before the zoning administrator in Salinas on Thursday, February 26, 1998. Two

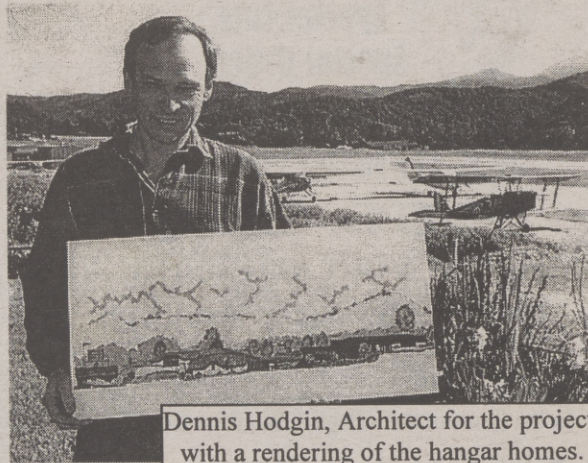
hours later, twelve people had raised issues about the lack of proper noticing for the hearing, intensification of use, endangerment of Tularcitos students, increased noise, traffic, lights on the water tower, lengthening the airstrip, and the loss of community open space. The hearing was continued until March 26, 1998.

"We took three steps forward and one step backwards. I am sad...that there is so much misinformation," says Lars de Jounge of the hearing.

"The airfield has been flying since the 1940's, this will remain a public airfield." - Lars de Jounge.

It is the prevalence of "well they said," rumors and misinformation that led to the formation of the Carmel Valley Airstrip Awareness Committee (CVAAC) whose steering committee consists of Steve Austin DDS, Shelly Lyon and Susan H. Silver. "A lot of the emotion has to do with how this proposal has been shared with the community," Silver says.

Silver says the CVAAC "is a fairly informal group" that formed about 10



Dennis Hodgin, Architect for the project, with a rendering of the hangar homes.

months ago "in response to finding out Lars actually submitted something." At this point the CVAAC considers itself a "watchdog group", Lyon says, "We're not taking a stand pro or con, what is important is the integrity of the Village." Silver adds, "We're not taking a stand yet, our purpose is as an information gathering group."

The Project

"The airfield has been flying since the 1940's, this will remain a public airfield," says de Jounge.

The Carmel Valley airfield was built in the late 1930's and at that time, had no neighbors. Over the years the surrounding property has been developed. Now the airstrip is surrounded by homes and Tularcitos elementary School with its 700 students. The airfield was there first but was classified as an "existing non-conforming use" in the Carmel

Valley Master Plan and the 30-acre property is zoned residential with 29 lots allowed.

Lars de Jounge and his wife Barbara came to Carmel Valley in 1995 and purchased a 99-year lease option on the property and named it the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield. In June of 1996 a lot line adjustment was approved. The airfield now consists of three lots of approximately equal size. The overall plan is to construct eleven single-family homes with attached hangers. Only those who owned a vintage aircraft would qualify to purchase a home.

"There will be no intensification over what it was historically." - Lars de Jounge

De Lounge has been open with his plans to develop the whole property (*Carmel Valley Sun* article October 3, 1996) but brought only one lot with two homes and a water tower to the county last Thursday. CVAAC wants to see the whole project considered as a whole. De Lounge says he has three legal lots of record and can only apply one at a time. The legal protocol is confusing because the land is leased and homeowners would be purchasing the home or 'the improvement' not the land.

One of the items county staff will be asked to answer at the March 26 hearing is - Should this be considered a subdivision



The Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield. The star indicates the location of Tularcitos school and the circled area approximates the lot that was brought before the Zoning Administrator on February 26. Tularcitos is outside the noticing area of this lot but within noticing area of the airfield, if considered as a whole.

with lease restrictions OR two homes and a water tower on one lot?

"What we accomplished was make the zoning administrator aware that that there are significant issues not addressed by the county, and by his action (to continue the hearing), he agreed," says Susan Silver.

Dale Ellis, the zoning administrator, continued the hearing to March 26 to get clarification on the subdivision/single lot issue and whether the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield proposal is allowable under the "existing non-conforming" use definition of the Carmel Valley Master Plan and the county's responsibility, if any, for safety issues relating to possibly increased air traffic.

Noticing

Noticing of the February 26 hearing was a hot topic at the February 26 hearing. Because only the easternmost lot was under consideration, many people who live on or near the west-end of the airfield were not noticed of the public hearing. De Jounge said the county handled that aspect of the hearing. Through a computer program, property owners within 300 feet of the project were sent notices by the county, "I only had to provide the stamps," says de Jounge.

"We've been ignored," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joe

Jaconette. Tularcitos Elementary School is well within 300 feet of the western end of the airfield, but that portion was not under consideration at the hearing.



Lars de Jounge says the biggest threat to safety is not air traffic but people disregarding his posted safety rules. Like these children riding their bikes on the runway.

Intensification of Use

Would the completion of the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield intensify the historic use of the airstrip? CVAAC says yes and Lars de Jounge says no. This will be an interesting facet of the debate as there are no accurate records of the last 60 or so years of historic use.

"The airfield is already a non-conforming use, by law it should be phased out." - Susan Silver

Since 1995, when de Jounge took over, he says use has decreased because he charges a \$10 landing fee to discourage traffic and more recently, weather and mud have prevented normal use. But, prior to 1995 de Jounge says there was more traffic, as landing was free, and says "There will be no intensification over what it was historically."

CVAAC wonders how, with eleven homes with hangers attached and vintage plane ownership a requirement of residence, air traffic can not increase. De Lounge says that air traffic will increase over what it is now, but will return to historic levels.

Silver says, "The airfield is already a non-conforming use, by law it should be phased out."

Because there are no records of air traffic in the Village, CVAAC decided to conduct an informal, non-scientific poll of thirty long-time residents. The consensus was that historically there have been 5-6 planes permanently housed at the airfield.

However, the volume of air traffic, even if it could be determined, does not appear to be under county authority. The airfield is federally approved and regulated so, the county zoning administrator has authority in relation to approving homes but not the air traffic on a public airfield.

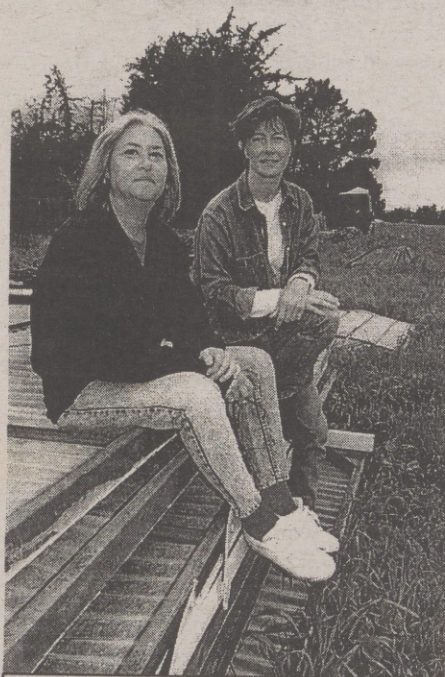
Safety

Another area where it is unclear whether

the county has any authority is safety.

"Worst case would be a crash...staff and students walk through the airport and the noise could interrupt educational activities," says Superintendent Jaconette. On behalf of the school board, Jaconette has asked the county not to move forward until an assessment of the impact and safety of students is made.

De Jounge says as a public airfield, it is regulated by the FAA and Aeronautics Department of CalTrans. Furthermore, de Jounge says the biggest safety concern the airfield faces is people, bikes and dogs on the runway. The airfield has been used as community open space for years and de Jounge says, "It's a liability for me to allow it, but I encourage it, it's a tremendous asset." De Jounge adds that he



Carmel Valley Airfield Awareness Committee steering members Susan H. Silver and Shelly Lyon sitting atop a pile of metal building parts that have been stored at the west end of the airfield for 9 months.

will cut off access if people continue to have disregard for his safety rules which include keeping dogs under control, to only cross the runway, not walk on it, and not to run or walk on the runway, especially with headphones on.

The airfield has been operating for about sixty years, would the eleven hanger-homes and their flying occupants create an additional hazard? Susan Silver says the development "would bring in people not familiar with the airstrip" adding that prior accidents involved people who were not familiar with the airstrip. Lars de Jounge uses the same argument to profess increased safety. De Jounge says that the inhabitants of the hanger homes will become familiar with the airstrip and that visitors, unfamiliar with the airfield, will be discouraged by the landing fee.

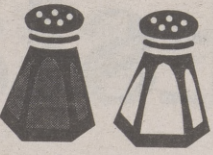
Rumors

Architect for the Vintage Airfield, Dennis Hodgin says, "It is amazing how misinformation gets around."

A sentiment that resulted in the formation of the watchdog group Carmel Valley Airstrip Committee (CVAAC).

Some hot rumor topics:

Will the runway be lengthened?



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Both de Jounge and Hodgin say no, and add that they couldn't lengthen it if they wanted.

CVAAC is concerned that the FAA may require runway lengthening if air traffic is increased.

Will there be unappealing metal buildings?

De Jounge says no. He says the current metal hangers will be dismantled and the hanger homes will tastefully blend in with the Village.

CVAAC wonders what de Jounge intends to do with the metal building parts that were brought in 9 months ago and have been stored at the west end of the airfield.

Will there be a light beacon on top of the water tower?

CVAAC says in the county file, the

FAA required a light beacon on top of the water tower.

De Jounge and Hodgin say the FAA recommended a light but that there is no night or foul weather flying so it is unnecessary. Hodgin added, "There will be no light or there will be no water tower."

For More Information

Carmel Valley Airstrip Awareness Committee steering members Shelly Lyon and Susan H. Silver encourage interested parties to contact them at Box 2414 Carmel Valley CA 93924-2414 or to fax them at (408) 659-5954.

Lars de Jounge invites interested parties to attend the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield Advisory Committee meeting every second Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Running Iron.



Real Estate in THE SUN

John McCord Still, It's Only Dirt

It's for sale, But for how much?

O.K., so you've decided you want to finally sell the home you've lived in for the past twenty-five years. Your children are raised and gone, there's too much carpet to vacuum too much furniture to polish and the enthusiasm for rebuilding the garden after another winter of soak and saturation just isn't there. You want a home that's easier to care for and will allow you the freedom to come and go as you please.

Now, you've selected a real estate agent to list your home and hopefully you won't experience a conversation like this:

Diligent Agent (DA): Thanks for selecting me to represent you. I think you have a lovely home and it will show quite well to potential buyers.

Seller: Thanks, how much should I sell it for?

DA: Well, I can't pinpoint a price; it's up to you to decide. I can provide you with an analysis of similar properties in the neighborhood that will give you a comparative idea of your property's value.

Seller: What good will that do? No body keeps their house up like we do. We've invested everything in it. The Wilson's down the street haven't painted their house in years. I don't want to be compared to them. We have a sub zero refrigerator and Vulcan stove! We put a huge window by the bathtub and put a built in television near the toilet!

DA: We'll just be comparing the prices of homes that were sold, not the Wilson's.

Then we can take into account the condition and amenities your home offers like the commercial kitchen and well appointed bathroom. Do you get much privacy in the bathtub? The neighbors can see right through the window?

Seller: We had to install a shade but the neighbors agreed to quit staring at us. We were told we could get twice as much in resale when we remodeled the kitchen.

DA: Really? Well, if we can find someone in the area that really wants a six-burner commercial stove, you might. There are plenty of chefs in the area.

Seller: We need to get at 395,000.00 for our home. We've got at least that much into it.

DA: You've had it twenty-five years, I'd imagine it's almost paid off by now.

Seller: Well it would be, but we still owe some money.

DA: How much?

Seller: Well, we owe 50,000.00 on the first mortgage, 100,000.00 on the second and we just got an equity loan. They offered 125% of the value. So we borrowed another 125,000.00

DA: Did you put the money into the house?

Seller: Sure, the stove, fridge, tiled kitchen, bathroom and redwood deck. Then we took a trip to Hong Kong before the Chinese took over, and bought my wife a BMW.

DA: You must have had fun, but you won't recapture the value of the BMW or trip to Hong Kong in the sale of your house. We'll have to see about the deck and remodeled bathroom and kitchen. The house is still only 1800 square feet.

Seller: But if we sold it for less, we'd lose money. We won't even get all of our down payment back. Especially after we pay closing costs.

DA: Well, you haven't really lost money. You just used it in different ways. If you look at the market analysis, you'll see the highest price paid for a home in this neighborhood was 265,000.00, and it was 2400 square feet.

Seller: Yes but our home is worth much more. Our children were raised here and that house smelled. The owners were like the Wilson's, they never did a thing. They got way too much for it!

DA: I see. Tell you what, read the market information. The numbers are in black and white. I suggest you be careful about pricing your home too high. You won't want it to wallow on the market. After a while, buyers and agents will lose interest because it isn't priced realistically. Try to remove the sentimental attachment to your home. Buyers will not see it the same way you do. They want to pay as little as possible but will pay more if they feel it's justified. The trick is to offer a price that will get them interested so you can accomplish your goal by negotiating a deal.

Seller: But I have to make enough money to pay off the mortgage. I can't sell it for less.

DA: I understand. Perhaps you won't be able to sell it, at least not yet. You can take your losses now, or wait until prices increase which may take a while. It's up to you to decide what is most important. Moving on with your life or avoiding a loss.

Fortunately, most homeowners are savvy when it comes to protecting their home equity. However, sometimes sellers are disappointed with the sale of their home because they have an erroneous sense of value. Market reality makes no accommodation for emotional value, extended debt, or over expenditure for misfitting amenities. Some tips,

Avoid borrowing against your home to finance consumer goods such as cars or vacations. You end up paying more in interest and deplete the equity in your most valuable asset. This can become a glaring burden when faced with selling your home.

Be careful not to over-remodel your home. Some things, regardless of cost, will not improve the value of your home. Keep your remodeling projects inline with the size and design of your neighborhood and home. While selling may not be a concern now, talk to a real estate professional for their comments regarding major "improvements" to your home. They may not be such a good idea.

Before listing your home, separate in your mind the emotional sentiment a lifetime of ownership is bound to carry when dealing with the business of selling. Priceless memories can't be factored into a balance sheet.

Ultimately, your home's value will be decided on a price you negotiate with the buyer. The satisfaction of the sale rests with your realistic approach to selling. Remember, the less baggage you bring to negotiations, the stronger your selling position will be.

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Spare Change By Barbra Alexander

The Surcharge

Monopolies, have never served the common good, whatever that is. The monopolistic utility system invading our checkbooks is enough to make me apoplectic. Do you carefully read your utility bills each month? Sure you do, don't we all. The truth is that once you've done that, you never read it again.

My own habit with telephone bills for example, is to peruse the long distance charges to make certain that there are no calls to Uruguay listed. I know there shouldn't be because I don't know anyone in Uruguay.

Imagine my surprise when, while checking my phone bill, I found that I was being charged not once, but three times, the surcharges added to each of our bills. The truth is that, since I never read that part of the bill, this practice could have been going on for quite some time.

Pacific Bell, our local service, billed the first set of these charges. The second set through my long distance carrier, and the third through another long distance company that happened to send a bill because one of my calls was routed through their system.

Next came the realization that I really had no clue what some of the surcharge items were for. Here's the list. I'm certain that some of you are smarter than I am and can tell me what these costs represent:

1. CA HIGH COST FUND - A & B: I was billed for B, which I presume is lower than A, but did I ever sign up for any 'High Cost Fund'? High cost of what?
2. CALIFORNIA TELECONNECT FUND SURCHARGE.
3. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE. This charge does not benefit the user at all. Don't we pay taxes for this type of service provided for the people who need it?
4. CA RELAY SERVICE & COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FUND. I'm not sure that I have any additional

devices and even if I do, doesn't this sound a lot like #2?

5. STATE REGULATORY FEE. Excuse me, but if this is the only fee that goes to the State, who gets all the others that say CA?
6. TAX: FED; 911; AND LOCAL: There is no local tax, but there is a hefty federal and 911 tax. What's wrong with this picture?

After the telephone bill fiasco I checked my other utility bills and guess what. Yup, you win the prize, every one of them has the same type of charges. The water bill for instance includes a Meter Charge that is approximately half of the actual Water Charge. My guess is that as long as we continue to pay without questioning the charge the corporate attitude on the part of the utilities is 'what we don't know won't hurt them.'

The problem with contacting anyone at these companies is that you will grow old wading through the voice mail system and being hung up on several times in the process. Customer service isn't the tallest column on their building either, I once said to their representative that I'd been on hold for five minutes, he informed me that I was lucky - it could have been twenty.

That may be true from his perspective. But should anyone working in the private sector speak that way to a customer they would spend the next twenty minutes packing their desk and the twenty after that collecting their last check and having their exit interview.

The fact is that we're paying surcharges on top of surcharges and taxes on top of taxes, and we either don't know it or don't know what to do about it. I say we start investigating.

The goal should be that if we don't know what it's for, and we didn't agree to it, we don't pay it; and when they call us to find out why, they can talk to our voice mail.

Barbra Alexander is a local mortgage lender. She can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. Hosting the MONEY HOT-LINE on KSCO 1080 AM. You can reach Barbra directly by calling 408-649-8757.



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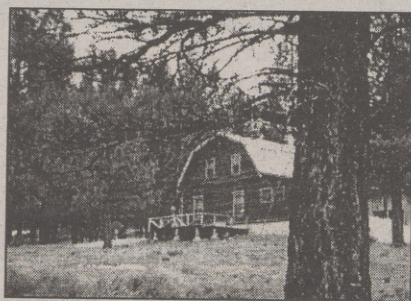
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Ruiz says his butcher shop will also offer a service to hunters. He says local hunters can bring their game in to be processed and packaged.

Congratulations to Brandon Ruiz and his family! We look forward to the grand opening of the Carmel Valley Sausage Company!

stuff at night

Mar	THURSDAY 5 th	FRIDAY 6 th	SATURDAY 7 th	SUNDAY 8 th	MONDAY 9 th	TUESDAY 10 th	WEDNESDAY 11 th
Bluefin Billiards 375-7000 • Cannery Row	Dizzy Burnett Quartet 9pm - 12am Free swing lessons starting at 8pm	Two Bands! "Chop Tops" and "Sugar King Boys" 9pm - 1am	NPL 9-ball Tournament 2pm "Buddy Garland Show" 9pm-1am	Military Night 1/2 off pool for all active military personnel	College Night 1/2 off pool for all students Brew School Sam Adams 8-10pm	Two for Tuesday 2 for 1 well drinks & appetizers 9pm-Close	Ladies Night 1/2 off price of pool 8pm-Close
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241 • Cannery Row	Jonah & the Whalewatchers	Terry Hanck	Ike & "The Cold Blood"	Closed	Blues Bait K-Pig Blues!	Jonah & the Whalewatchers Reggae Night!	Kevin Conley's Blues & Rock Jam Session
Long Bar 372-2244 • Monterey	S.H.I.T. Night (So Happy it's Thursday) \$1 Drafts & \$1 Shots No Cover	Dance, Dance, Dance \$2 Jager Shots 50¢ pool! No cover	Dance, Dance, Dance \$2 Jager Shots 50¢ pool! No cover	Dance with DJ Louis EVERY DRINK \$1!! \$5 Cover	Call for Information	Call for Information	Call for Information
McGarrett's 646-9244 • Monterey	Call for Information	Alternative House and Techno CD 93 Night - 8pm	DJ Mikey Top 40 & House Music	Closed	Male and Female Exotic Dancers 8pm	Closed	Call for Information
Planet Gemini 373-1449 • Cannery Row	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ Craig Shoemaker & Arlo Stone	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ Craig Shoemaker & Arlo Stone	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ Craig Shoemaker & Arlo Stone	Grupo Oasis Salsa Night - \$5 Cover 8:30pm	Closed	Closed	Rockin Wednesdays with Mockingbird
Viva Monterey 646-1415 • Monterey	A.B.L. featuring Tom Ayres - 8:30pm	Sean Kennedy and the King Kats 9:30pm	Sean Kennedy and the King Kats 9:30pm	Viva Jams! Starts at 6pm followed by...DJ Matty's Eclectic Review	Acoustic Rock featuring Randy Baldwin & Friends 8:30pm	Special Guest! 8:30pm	Viva Club Night w/ special guests! Win up to \$500 cash!
Whitey's Place 646-8383 • Cannery Row	Jam Session w/ Joe Lucido & Friends - 9pm	Get the blues with "Blue Nova" 9:30pm	"The Heebie Jeebies" 9:30pm	NTN presents: Sports All Day	NTN presents: Trivial Pursuit	"Gold Record Karaoke" - 9pm	"The Heebie Jeebies" 9:30pm



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Around Town

With Matt Heimbold

Holy Purina! The King Kats are making a weekend stand at Viva's. This Santa Cruz blues act, led by Sean Kennedy, has been making waves in the Santa Cruz area. Their contribution to the recent Santa Cruz Blues compilation CD has been garnering strong reviews. Kennedy made the following comments during a recent radio interview with KKUP: "I'd describe the King Kats as a

band who plays deep roots music - a blues influenced sound combined with fifties and sixties dance music such as jump, swing and surf beats. We've developed a

tune 'Woman Across the River'...it's the overall feeling of Freddie's playing and singing that captivated me. He performed - he didn't just play guitar. Gatemouth Brown married big band swing to the blues. And Magic Sam - he brought surf beats to blues." Al Handa of Delta Snake Blues News commented, "...an infectious energy that comes off well live." There...you don't have to just take my word for it. You can catch Sean Kennedy and The King Kats both Friday and

drums. They all attend Carmel High School, and while not recognized as a noted incubator of blues musicians, Ryan Scott may change that in a hurry. I first met Ryan at Carmel Digital where he was helping Roger Masson in the recording studio. I later heard a two song demo of "Killing Floor" and "Five Long Years" and was more than impressed. The law for minors states that the lads can't play anywhere that doesn't serve food. But that hasn't stopped them from keeping busy



Sean Kennedy and The King Kats slink into town both Friday and Saturday night at Viva Monterey. Showtime 9:30, no cover.

roots sound with a new twist and our fans are all ages - many are college students." "It's a four or five piece band depending on the venue and event we play. The four piece consists of a drummer who understands fifties and sixties roots blues music, an acoustic upright bassist, a get-down-and-gritty tenor sax player and myself on guitar and vocals. When we need a fifth member we employ a keyboard player." Kennedy cites his main influences as Freddie King and Gatemouth Brown. "Just listening to Freddie King's Shelter recording with Leon Russell - the

Saturday starting at 9:30 PM.

What do four Carmel High School students know about the blues? Go to Whitey's on Friday...and you tell me. Blue Nova is returning to headline the club after a strong showing at the recent Winterfest Battle Of The Bands competition. They are Ryan Scott on vocals and lead guitar, Dugan O'Neal on guitar, Andrew Pressman on bass, and James Copsey on

and landing some pretty influential gigs. They will be playing their second Monterey Blues Festival in June after being well received last year. While they have as yet to begin cranking out original material, their first composition ("Seasonal Fruit") shows great promise. There seems to be a lot of diaper blues six string sensations popping up lately, and in

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Trista Waag



Aren't they the cutest? Angie and Roger whooping it up at Doc's.

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calendar

Thursday, March 5

Carmel Unified School District Board of Education Meeting. This is a special Board meeting starting at 7pm in the Carmel Middle School Library.

Thurs. - Sun., Mar 5 - 8

Every Thursday through Sunday **Helcio Milito Trio** plays mellow Brazilian and American jazz in the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay from 7-11pm. Helcio's band consists of Brazilian pianist Aloisio Aguiar and the following special guest artists: Thurs. - Sat., James Forkner keyboards/vocals and Sun. vocalist Lauri Hofer.

Friday, March 6

It's the third annual **Artist's Equity Show** at the **Marjorie Evans Gallery** at Sunset Center in Carmel. The show will exhibit work from national and internationally exhibited artists such as: Mary Buskirk, Richard Mayer, Michael Duffy and others. There will be a reception from 5 to 7pm. Open to the public.

Friday, March 6

ARIEL Theatrical's Spring Musical production for 1998 is **Pinocchio**, the beloved tale of a naughty puppet who wants to be a 'real' boy. Show starts at 7pm at The Sunset Center. Adults \$10, Children & students \$6. Tickets are available at the door.

Saturday, March 7

Performance Carmel continues with **Fiddler Martin Hayes**, one of the hottest new properties in Irish music today and hailed as "the most important individual musician in Ireland right now." Single tickets for programs are priced at \$12.50 & \$16. For further information call 624-3996.

Saturday, March 7

The **Monterey Bay Chapter of the Smart Life Forum** presents Stanford Field, editor of the monthly newsletter of the **Smart Life Forum**, Palo Alto. He will speak on the subject, **Balance is Health** in the Community Room of The Barnyard. For more information & to reserve a space call Don Southard 625-5500 (mornings) or Teresa Bailey/John Waldroup at 624-8886 (9am-5pm).

Saturday, March 7

The **Carmel Art Association** presents **Howard Bradford & Cyndra Bradford's Coastal Reflections**. The public is invited to attend an opening reception on Sat. from 6pm-8pm at the association. The show will represent new oil and acrylic paintings of the coast and will run through the month of March. The Carmel Art Association is located on Dolores St. between 5th and 6th in Carmel.

Tuesday, March 10

The 17th annual **Human Race**, Monterey County's largest collaborative fundraising event, will officially kick off with a rally & breakfast from 8:30am-10am at Tarpy's Roadhouse. Agencies interested in participating may contact the Volunteer Center at 655-9234 (Monterey) or 757-3206 (Salinas). Reservations for the breakfast can also be made by calling the Volunteer Center.

Wednesday, March 11

Professional Women's Network (PWN) of the Monterey Peninsula presents "Finding Your 'Ah' ntrepreneurial Spirit. The meeting will feature professional speaker, author, and humorist Mark Oman. PWN meets on the 2nd Wed. of the month at 6:45pm in the Community Room in the Barnyard Shopping

Center. Free to the public. Call 646-0796 for more information.

Thursday, March 12

The **Carmel Valley Garden Club** will meet for an annual Potluck Dinner. The dinner will be held at St. Dunstan's on Robinson Canyon Rd. at 6pm. Following the dinner the program will feature Mark Keumple from the Native Revival Nursery in Aptos. Interested non-members are welcomed!

Thursday, March 12

An evening with **Jetsun Pema, Sister of His Holiness the Dalai Lama** will take place in Santa Cruz at 7:30pm at the **Pacific Cultural Center**. Younger sister of the Dalai Lama, actress, author and honorary Mother of Tibet, Ms. Pema will speak about her life, her work, and the roll of women in religion and government. Tickets are \$12. For more information call 462-8383.

Friday, March 13

Pianist Andras Schiff will perform a solo recital at 8pm at the **Sunset Center** in Carmel. This will be the first concert with the Carmel Music Society's new piano, a Hamburg Steinway. Single tickets cost \$40, \$30, and \$15. Group rates & student rates are also available. For tickets call 625-9938.

Friday, March 13

Come celebrate with an Irish feast and plenty o' fun at **St. Angela's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner**. Dinner includes corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. Desserts \$1; no-host refreshments. Music, singing, and entertainment. Doors open at 5pm; dinner served from 5:30-7:30pm at the Parish Hall. Tickets sold in advance or at the door. Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$5.

For the Month March

Monterey Peninsula's College Art Gallery presents **Flags**, an exhibit by Alan Bradford Richmond II. This is the first solo artist featured in the new MPC Art Gallery, and is not to be missed. Show runs until Mar. 13th.

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is pleased to announce the opening of its new temporary exhibit **Kelp Forests & Coral Reefs**. Exhibit runs through May 31, 1998. Starting March 1st there will be a lecture series every Sunday at 2pm.

The entire Central Coast Art Association members will display their work at the Pacific Grove Art Center until Mar. 20th.

Fri. & Sat., Mar. 13 & 14

The classic American courtroom drama, Lawrence & Lee's **Inherit the Wind**, will open **Pacific Repertory Theatre's 15th Anniversary** season at the Golden Bough Playhouse in Carmel. There will be a half price preview on Fri. at 7:30pm and a Gala opening Sat. at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 adults, and \$10 children, students, seniors, military & teachers. Call 622-0100.

Saturday, March 14

The 8th annual **Bowl For Kids Sake**: the Don Chapin Invitational. The Invitational is a day of bowling, fun, and fund-raising for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) of Monterey County. The event is free to the public. All bowlers are invited to bring five-member teams with pledged donations. Forms are available at the BB/BS offices in Salinas and Monterey. Call 655-9231 for more information.

BLUES MUSIC NEWS

Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

So why is it...

I wonder about stuff. Not particular stuff, but just stuff. All the time.

Where do one-liners come from? Why is it that I can remember lyrics to two hundred songs but I forget your name? If you were on a starship moving at the speed of light and you turned on a forward pointing light, how fast would the beam of light be traveling?

Why didn't the psychic network avoid bankruptcy? If we are all re-incarnated, how do you account for population growth? Why is it okay with most

Americans, to eat cows, but not groundhogs or horses? Why isn't it partly sunny?

Why would a deity need a gender? and speaking of gender... Why do guys' bikes have a bar right where you hit, if you lose a pedal?

Why is an object oriented instead of europed? Why is it that with dogs it's females that go into heat and with humans it's males? What is the difference between a mouse? Why is it that the one sure cure for a headache is a part of the cliché "Not tonight I have..."

Around Town

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my humble opinion Ryan Scott should quickly be recognized as the top of the heap. While others were grappling to secure the top position, Ryan was quietly there looking down from above. I know it will ruffle a few feathers to focus on one member of this small town teenage music act, but it is impossible to ignore the talent of this kid. Nevertheless the rest of the band (the bass player has an engaging stage presence) holds its own and Scott

be a star in the industry. It's not a matter of time he's that good right now. It only takes one note to recognize". The teenage age blues guitar hero phenomena of late has definitely highlighted the all to well known fact that promoting talent is equal to displaying it in becoming recognized. So let me try and squeak a little to get the wheel some oil. Don't miss Ryan Scott and the rest of the lads of Blue Nova do their thing at Whitey's, Friday, 9:30 PM.

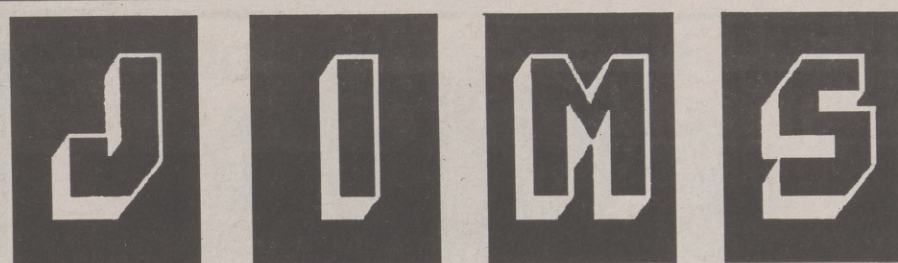
Before I sign off let me recommend that you see the Buddy Garland Show at Bluefin on Saturday. Led by Johnny Mozart and Sean Michael White (both



Blue Nova will play at Whitey's this Friday night at 9:30 PM. Blue Nova is: Ryan Scott, Andrew Pressman, James Copsey and Dugan O'Neal.

displays a quiet humbleness that only comes from confidence in ones ability. In speaking with Roger Masson of Carmel Digital he noted - "Let's take the age factor out of this...Ryan is a seasoned guitar player with all of the class of a true professional musician. He lets his music instead of his mouth speak in the true tradition of the Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and the like. His control of vibrato and his sense of every note is evident immediately. This is a person destined to

formerly of Nectar Of The Gods...I'm sure they're tired of me saying that but don't mind the extra crowd it draws) this band is a lot of fun. They take songs (all written before 1959) from Judy Garland to Buddy Holly to other great old standards and arrange them with a modern rock sensibility. This is definitely one of the stronger and more original new bands to emerge from the Monterey music scene. Good stuff. Show time starts at 9 PM. OUT.



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THE LAW

The Legal Corner

By Barry Harrow

Question? What is a durable power of attorney and how does it differ from a general power of attorney?

Answer? To understand the durable power of attorney, you first have to understand power of attorneys in general. A 'power of attorney' is a written instrument, however denominated, that is executed by a natural person having the power to contract and that grants authority to an attorney in fact. A power of attorney may be durable or nondurable. A power of attorney may grant authority by incorporating by reference the powers permitted by statute.

In a power of attorney a principal may grant authority to an attorney in fact to act on the principal's behalf with respect to all lawful subjects and purposes or with respect to one or more express purposes. The term 'attorney in fact' includes not only the originally appointed attorney in fact, but also successors, alternates, and persons delegated authority by an attorney in fact. An attorney in fact is more than a mere agent. He or she is empowered to act in the place of the principal as to all acts necessary and proper for the transaction of business that is within the scope of the authority granted under the power of attorney.

A general power of attorney is usually drafted to contain an extremely broad grant of power, essentially placing the attorney in fact in the same position as the principal and thereby authorizing the attorney in fact to do any legal act that the principal could do. It is possible, however, to draft power of attorneys to have various limitations, conditions and constraints.

A power of attorney is, in effect, a formalized delegation of authority by a written instrument.

A principal may modify a power of attorney in accordance with the terms of the power of attorney or by an instrument executed in the same manner as a power of attorney may be executed. However, modification does not bind an attorney in fact or third person without notice of the modification.

A principal may revoke a power of attorney in accordance with its terms or by a writing. However, revocation does not bind an attorney in fact or third person without notice of the revocation.

Unless the power of attorney expressly provides for a termination date, the power of attorney does not terminate merely due to the lapse of time.

In most cases, a power of attorney will terminate by the occurrence of any of the following as to every person who has notice:

- (1) In accordance with the terms of the power of attorney;
- (2) Extinction of the subject or fulfillment of the purpose of the power of attorney;
- (3) Revocation of the attorney in fact's

authority;

(4) Death of the principal, except in specified circumstances;

(5) Removal of the attorney in fact;

(6) Resignation of the attorney in fact;

(7) Incapacity of the attorney in fact (except that temporary incapacity suspends attorney in fact's authority only during incapacity);

(8) In the case of a power of attorney given by one spouse to the other, by the dissolution or annulment of the marriage of the attorney in fact and the principal; or

(9) Death of the attorney in fact.

In the case of a power of attorney over specified property, the principal's good faith sale of the property subject to the power of attorney also terminates the power.

The most problematic situation involving powers of attorney, however, is the incompetency of the principal. If the incompetency is temporary, a question may arise as to the effect of subsequent restoration of capacity. The general rule of law that terminates the authority of the attorney in fact during the period of the principal's total insanity is subject to the qualification that if, on restoration to capacity, the principal ratifies or knowingly fails to repudiate the acts of the attorney in fact, the powers previously granted are considered merely to be suspended, and the principal is deemed to assent to the acts done by the attorney in fact.

If the incompetency is more or less permanent (e.g., a stroke, coma, senility, etc.), the authority given to the attorney in fact will terminate for practical purposes. This would necessitate the establishment of a Conservatorship of the Estate of the incompetent principal through a Court proceeding. That proceeding provides the necessary authority to a legal representative, known as a Conservator, to manage the affairs of the principal, the Conservatee. The cost of such a proceeding, both in dollars and time, can be substantial.

To avoid the need for a Conservatorship in such a case, a durable power of attorney is often given to a trusted attorney in fact rather than a nondurable power of attorney.

Essentially, a durable power of attorney survives the incompetency of the principal. This avoids the need for a Conservatorship and provides for continuity in the management of the affairs of the Conservatee.

I will write more about durable powers next week.

The Legal Corner is a public service designed to provide information on general questions regarding civil (non-criminal) legal issues. It should not be construed as legal advice. For specific legal advice, please consult your attorney.

PADRE VIEWS

By Nathan Dietrich, 12th Grade

Summer School

Every June six million students in California finish school and start their two month summer vacation. Once they return to school they find themselves a grade level higher whether or not they have earned it. This progress is called social promotion, it is the advancement of students based on age.

Now lawmakers and educators are attempting to end the practice of social promotion. Lawmakers favor a standardized test that each student would take at the end of every year. If the student was to fail the test he would be forced to attend a four to six week summer school course. This plan of ending social promotion and beginning a mandatory summer school is excellent and should begin immediately.

An intense summer school course is exactly what the majority of failing students need. Studies have shown that many students would benefit from a program of intense academic instruction. In Chicago, nearly half of the 32,000 students in summer school passed the standardized test after the four-week course. When a student is forced to go back and revisit the site of the problem (repeating a grade level), he doesn't fix the problem. An intense summer school

program fixes the problem and everyone comes out a winner.

Social promotion has created a monster. In Oakland alone, one quarter of the students are being passed on because of it. Proponents for social promotion say that holding a child back hurts him socially and it most likely does. But, advancing an unqualified student on, year after year, hurts him more than staying a grade level behind or attending a summer school. How is a student who has been socially promoted all of his life going to get along in the real world with a middle school education? A summer school program is the perfect answer for this person. He can go in and learn what he needs to learn. He also would be in a positive environment with other kids his age and chances are he would succeed.

An end to social promotion and the beginning to summer school is essential in creating a better educated and prepared student. Summer schools have proven to help failing students pass grade levels where social promotion has proven to advance unqualified students year after year. The intense academic nature of these summer schools is the perfect environment for failing students and it pays off, just witness what has happened in Chicago. It is time to stop passing unqualified students and time to start sending them to summer school.

Araby Colton's Your World and Mine will return next week.

OPINION

What's Next?

By Mel Vercoe

Well, good. Seventy-five concerned people demonstrated (at the Window on the Bay) against starting World War Three in Iraq. Two or three years ago, I was out there myself, by myself, trying to keep our eager leaders from getting us involved in Bosnia, another great place for starting World War Three.

Roughly 35 to 40 million people died during World War Two, because a pregnant Mrs. Hitler didn't have an abortion in time to save the World from little Adolph, who was probably a very nice person for many years.

How many human beings might die in World War Three? Will the leaders of the 25 to 30 countries in possession of nuclear bombs stand around, being polite, waiting for other countries to launch their bombs first? Should we Americans, with most of

our leaders afflicted with the incurable "anti-Communist paranoia disease," be concerned about a Russian leader's recent remark that nuclear missile launchers can be re-aimed in just a few seconds? Well, why not? Got any idea how many billions we wasted on missile silos next to the Canadian border? And hundreds of "listening posts" along the Arctic Circle?

Well, we were lucky. It took about a day for Archduke Ferdinand's assassination to start World War One. Will our U.S. Congress have sense enough to repeal the War Powers Act in time to prevent the U.S. from starting WW3 in either Iraq or Bosnia? Wherever WW3 starts, or whoever starts it, WW3 will be different. It will be nuclear, and the people who start it will become casualties at about the same time as the people being ordered to serve in the front lines.

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River Ramblings

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Storm Aftermath

The last few days of sunshine and the lack of precipitation have brought welcome relief to many Valleyites after a February of record rainfall. Things appear to be getting slowly back to normal. Carmel Valley Road is no longer one lane at Scarlet Road. However, with 300' of new concrete barricades, we may be reminded for some time of the alternating one way traffic and the 24-hour flagmen that stood sentinel for three weeks.



The new mess just west of Mid Valley Shopping Center.

Eastwood Creek

However, the valley road is far from cleaned up, and it may be months before it can be. After weeks of water spilling across and under the roadway from Eastwood's Creek, the road at Valley Hills Shopping Center is like a washboard. Not only will a new culvert have to be constructed; the entire roadway will most likely have to be rebuilt in this area. From what I have heard, Mr. Eastwood and project developers offered to pay for a new culvert under the road extending under property owned by Mr. Wolters where Hacienda Hay & Feed is located. This would have been done prior to the beginning of any major construction on the project. Mr. Wolters apparently did not want the problem solved by putting a culvert on his land. He felt Mr. Eastwood should solve the problem on land he owned on both sides of Carmel Valley Road. While the shortest, most direct and perhaps best route would have been under the Wolters property, it is in my opinion, reasonable that Mr. Wolters not want the culvert under his property. Too bad for all those who travel the road a compromise could not be reached.

What I think is unacceptable, is that if the increased run-off was anticipated, why didn't the conditions of development require that a drainage solution be agreed upon and constructed prior to the initiation of any major construction? Why do developers pay exorbitant fees for having every County agency review development plans and place conditions upon developments, if such major problems are not going to be avoided? If we were to

multiply the number of cars who pass this location every day, by the minutes of delay; add to this the cost of construction workers to sandbag, divert and clean up the mud and rock that spewed across the roadway; and add the additional cost of having to repair the roadway; the cost would be staggering. Better planning could have avoided it.

Additional Road Problems

After two weeks of successfully diverting water from flowing across Carmel Valley Road at Chateau Julian, last Monday night, February 23rd, heavy rains blew out the dirt embankment and caused a major problem with rock, mud and water cascading across the Valley Road. Not only did this hamper traffic; it posed a serious threat to new construction taking place at the Winery. Just where an earthen berm had been intended as a visual screen of the property from, the roadway, construction

workers had to hastily bulldoze part of it away and excavate an emergency retention pond to hold and channel the flooding waters. At the same time, County Public Works and Granite Construction were digging out in front of the culvert on the North side of the road and excavating a retention basis there to catch some of the silt. The cause for this avalanche of water from the north side trying to get to the river on the south side of the road was El Nino. Just too much water coming down from the hills.

County Public Works To The Rescue



While I've heard of a few complaints, from what I have seen County Public Works has worked overtime, under tough conditions, and continually barraged by new mudslides and backed up culverts to

time-and time-again come to the rescue to clean up problems. Carmel Valley Road is only one of numerous roads throughout the County that have been impacted by the Storms of '98. Working seven days a week and in some cases around the clock, they have done their best to keep the roads cleared and passable. Crews are now taking advantage of some dry weather to

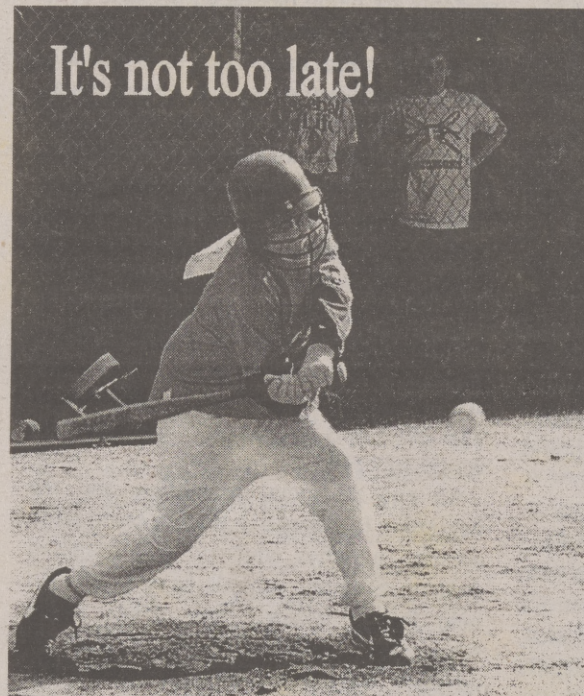
clean out storm drains and get prepared for future rains. Damaged levees and riverbanks have required extensive shoring up and rebuilding. These folks deserve a mighty big round of applause of Thanks!

If we think it has been tough so far, perhaps the biggest headache lies ahead. What will it take to fix all the potholes and

cracks in the road and to shore-up and clean up all the remaining mudslides and fallen trees along the roadway? How many washed out culverts like this one on Robinson Canyon Road will need to be repaired? I'm trying to get some answers to these questions and will keep you posted in future columns.

Little League

The Little League season is upon us. Sign-ups have been completed and try-outs were held last Saturday after a few weeks delay because of the rains. If anyone is still interested in signing up for Little League, it may not be too late. Come to the ballpark this Saturday, March 7th between 9:00 Am and Noon. There are additional try-outs scheduled.



Shown here is Alex Dombrowski about to connect for a hit during try-outs on Saturday. Other Little Leaguers in the dugout wait their turn to bat.

COPS



February 18

Pebble Beach/Pebble Beach Golf Links: During an argument man struck another man who in turn pushed him backwards. Man's head struck the pavement causing a loss of consciousness and profuse bleeding. Man was transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

February 20

Carmel: Woman reported that her access cards from her checking account were stolen and money had been taken out of her account.

Seaside: Woman was stopped for a traffic infraction. She was unlicensed, did not have insurance, and had false tabs on her vehicle. Vehicle was stored. Woman was cited.

Carmel: Man reported a loud party at his neighbor's home. The resident was contacted and agreed to turn the music down. Carmel Valley: Woman reports getting into a verbal dispute with her twelve-year-old son. The fight was about the way the twelve-year-old treats his younger brother. The youth was counseled.

Carmel: Individual reported defacing of three vehicles parked in her driveway overnight.

February 21

Carmel: Person reports her estranged husband violated an emergency protection order by phoning her today. While the

police were at her house taking a report, the husband showed up at the front door. He was detained until proof of service and dates were verified, then he was arrested.

February 22

Carmel Valley: Reporting person reported that a vehicle crashed into her front yard. Individual fled the scene after the accident and was located a short time later. Carmel Valley: Individual reports an unknown person dumped old car batteries and paint cans beside Carmel Valley Vet Clinic. No spill and items were disposed of properly.

Carmel: Woman reported her daughter punched her in the face while they were arguing. Woman placed her daughter under citizen's arrest.

February 23

Carmel: A woman parked her truck blocking a traffic lane. She returned four hours later finding her vehicle had been damaged and a nasty note was left.

February 25

Carmel Valley: Woman reported being locked out of her house by her landlord. The landlord was advised the proper procedures to evict a tenant and he let woman back into the house.

Carmel: Individual reported his flagpole stolen sometime last week.

February 26

Carmel Valley: Woman reported that a transient man pulled her hair. No prosecution desired.

Carmel High School: Woman reports that someone physically moved her car while it was parked behind the cafeteria. The suspect also put a rock in her tail pipe.

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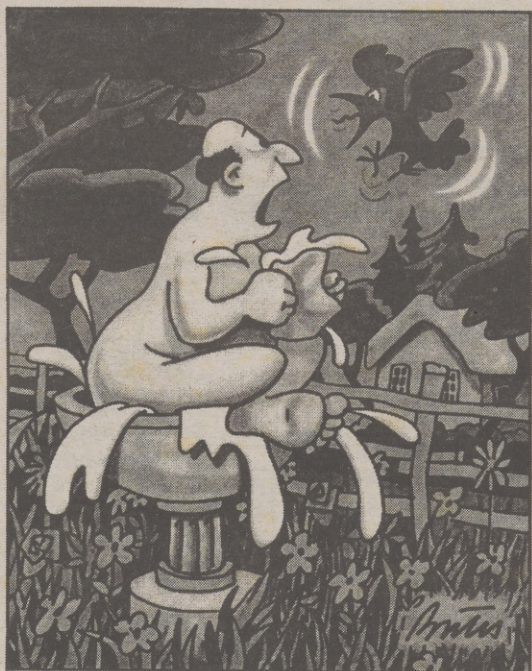


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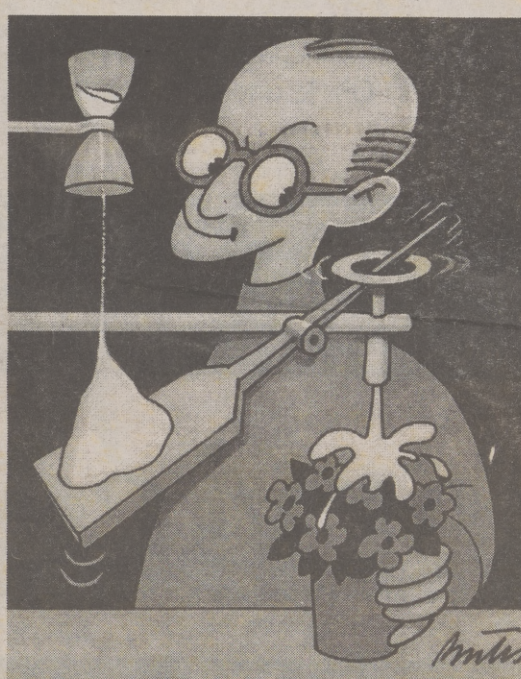
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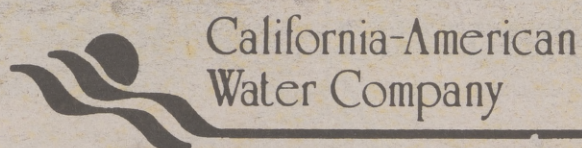
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